

REMARKS

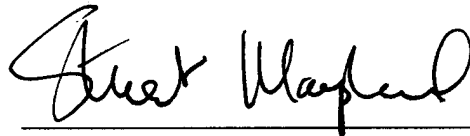
Status of the claims

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. All the pending claims are subject to restriction requirement.

After entry of the response to the restriction requirement and the claim amendments, claims 1-9 and 11-22 will be pending and claim 22 will be under consideration in the application, claims 1-9 and 11-21 having been withdrawn for allegedly being drawn to separate inventions, claim 10 having been cancelled without prejudice to its being pursued in a separate application, and claim 22 having been added. New claim 22, which is supported by claim 10 as originally filed and by the specification (e.g., at page 5, lines 21-26, and Example III), adds no new matter.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 12552-003001.

Respectfully submitted,



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